Ambassador Inaugurates American Corner in Mosteiros

During his first visit to the Island of Fogo on October 25, 2005, Ambassador Roger Pierce officially inaugurated the American Corner in Mosteiros, the second to be inaugurated in the Cape Verde Islands. The ceremony began with the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Embassy Praia and the Municipality of Mosteiros. Audience members included American citizens residing on the island, community leaders, and local officials. Mosteiros is an ideal location for an American Corner because of its historic and strong family ties with the United States of America. There are several hundred American citizens living in Mosteiros. The American Corner in Mosteiros will serve as a venue for Mosteirense to come together to learn more about the United States., through educational and reference materials, connections to Internet services, digital video conferencing, and various other cultural exhibitions and programming. The Center will be staffed by two trained bilingual monitors.

From Left: U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Scott Womack, Mosteiros Mayor Fernando Teixeira, Ambassador Roger Pierce, and Pol/PD Officer Antonia Cassarino

Center picture: Equipment donated by U.S. Embassy Praia

Right: Ambassador Pierce being interviewed by journalist

Ambassador Pierce Embarks on People-to-People Diplomacy

During a three-day tour, Ambassador Pierce visited three of Cape Verde's nine inhabited islands. In addition to meeting with a wide spectrum of society (local officials, NGOs, American citizens), he dedicated two Special Self-Help Projects. The first to be inaugurated was the "School Restrooms Project" in Mosteiros, Fogo. Funds were used to build restrooms for a primary school with no access to safe and clean water supply. The second was the "Classroom Furniture Project" on the Island of Sao Vicente. Three of the district's poorest schools received brand new desks and chairs.

Self-Help Project: Classroom Furniture   Ambassador Roger Pierce & Beneficiaries